



The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar of Future Events

See Calendar on the last page for Current Events

Oct 4, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Water Quality, Northside Christian Church
Oct 6, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Pruning, New Quarter Park, Williamsburg
Oct 11, 9:30-11:30	Monthly Programming Meeting, St. Luke's Methodist Church
Oct 11, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Entomology, Northside Christian Church
Oct 13, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Plant Pathology, Northside Christian Church
Oct 18, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, IPM, Northside Christian Church
Oct 19, 12-1	HearSay Gardening Radio Show, 89.5 FM
Oct 20, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Principals of Organic Hort, Northside Christian Church
Oct 25, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Landscape Design, Herbaceous Plants, Northside Christian Church
Oct 27, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Vegetables and Fruit, Northside Christian Church
Nov 1, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Plant Propagation, Colonial Williamsburg, Greenhouse
Nov 3, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Container Gardening, Northside Christian Church
Nov 8, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Risk Management, Safety, Northside Christian Church
Nov 10, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Bulbs, Northside Christian Church
Nov 15, 9-12	2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, Graduation, Northside Christian Church
Dec 7, 9-12	YCMG Advanced Pruning Class (Tentative Date)
Dec 14, 9:30-12	YCMG Advanced Pruning Class, Field Session (Tentative Date)
Dec 15, 9:30-12	YCMG Advanced Pruning Class, Field Session (Tentative Date)

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940, or Byrdie Hawley at 898-6175 or E-mail dabhawley@cox.net (Put Green Thumb in the subject line). The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m:

The first Thursday of each month we start with a planning meeting in the Environmental Services Building and then are in the garden, time permitting.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

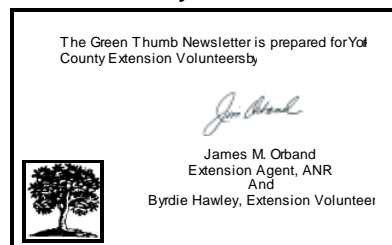
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Notes from Jim

With the 2005 Peninsula Master Gardener Training, I begin to start to look at our delivery system and begin to ask people to consider to fill specific leadership positions in the program. I appreciate your willingness to do this. During this time, volunteers consider if they need a break from service. As you know, to continue your service as a Master Gardener you need to volunteer 20 hours in an activity and gain 8 advanced education hours. In the October newsletter, I will place the commitment form for you to return. You will have two options. One is to continue to be on the York County Master Gardener roster. This means that you will receive all Master Gardener information. It also means that coordinators may call you to help out with projects that they have. It also means that you must fulfill the state requirements of your volunteer hours. The other option is that you can go on inactive status. For the year, we will keep you inactive. Then around the same time in 2006, we will invite you to consider becoming active. It is your choice and I appreciate all that you do as a volunteer to extend the resources of the York Extension office. No action is required for now. Thank you for your consideration.



Don't forget to promote the upcoming Lawn Maintenance clinics:

- September 10, Free Fescue Lawn Maintenance Class in Seaford area, 10 - 12 noon
- September 17, Free Fescue Lawn Maintenance Class at Ken Matthews Nursery, 10 - 12 noon.
- September 24, Free Fescue Lawn Maintenance Class in Upper York County, 10 - 12 noon.

Register for all clinics on line at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce. Also, the **October 5, Landscape Extravaganza has been cancelled.**

The Cooperative Extension Offices of the Peninsula and Middle Peninsula have received a lot of questions about the oak tree problems that we have experienced in the last month. Why are they dying and other trees are not if it is primarily a weather problem? Many people have asked. I have written an article that answers some of the questions and sent it to the email list we maintain. If you need a copy and do not have access to email, call the Extension Office (890-4940). Thank you for your continued support of Virginia Cooperative Extension. I will be posting this kind of information periodically to our website for your easy review www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

Be sure to listen to "Gardening HearSay" on September 21, 12:00–1:00 pm on WHRO – 89.5.

Thanks, Jim

**HORTICULTURAL THERAPY GROUP
MEETS THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT YORK CONVALESCENT CENTER
113 Battle Road, Yorktown, VA 23692**

Needed items: Plastic bottle caps, floral foam (can be used), wire, tape, etc. The next session will be **September 27, 2005 at 10:15 AM**. Bring clippers or scissors and some greenery from your garden. Contact Brenda Bradshaw to volunteer: 898-4733 or email C.Bradshaw@att.net.

Commercial Websites:

Here are some links to commercial enterprises that have some good information for gardeners:

Park Seed Garden Notebook: <http://images.parkseed01.com/parksgardens/pem000081/pem000081.html>
New Children's Garden Opening at Lewis Ginter: <http://www.lewisginter.org/html/article3.asp>

The links are provided to you as a York County Master Gardener for your review. The contents of these websites are not to be used as Virginia Cooperative Extension recommendations.

4-H Chrysanthemum Project 2005: As you may know, the 4H Chrysanthemum Project is underway and the **mums are ready to be sold**. If you would like to purchase mums from the participants of the project, call the Extension Office and get the names of the children who are selling the mums. Thank you and I hope you will come and support the efforts of the Mums Project!

Rene' Kauder, Project Coordinator

Master Gardener Continuing Education on September 10, 2005

"A HODGE PODGE OF GARDENING INFORMATION"

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC)
Virginia Beach VA

Make checks payable to VMGA and mail to **Please Register Before September 3, 2004**
Master Gardener Continuing Education Register early, classroom limited to 40 participants

Debbie Hamilton
12608 Yardarm Place
Woodbridge VA 22192

VMGA Member Registration/Materials	\$10.00
VMGA Non-member Registration/Materials	\$22.00
Catered Lunch at Picnic Area	\$ 8.00

Call the Extension Office if you need a registration form by email or go by if you don't have email. Sorry we didn't get the information in time for the August Green Thumb.

Do you want some Poppy Seeds?

Bernice Little has enough to give everyone ¼ teaspoon of poppy seeds she has collected from her plants. Bring 2 or 3 closeable containers (zipper bags, small jars with lid, etc.) to the September 13 programming meeting.



If you are interested in a specialty Master Gardener License Plate, contact Tom Bolt at TOMBOLT@COX.NET.

Embroidered York County MG Clothing Items: You can once again order embroidered items. All items offered will have the YCMG logo; you decide if you want it personalized.

Orders must be in placed by October 31, 2005. Order sheet is attached. Jody also has a copy of the order form at the office. Contact Evelyn Parker if you have any questions.

Continuing Education Opportunity

Augusta and Rockingham County Master Gardeners present:

Garden Heritage Symposium
Valley Vocational Technical Center
49 Hornet Road, Fishersville, VA

September 17th, 2005

**Fee: Master Gardeners - \$30
Non-Master Gardeners - \$40**

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast available and Registration

9:00 - 9:55 am:

- Virginia Native Plants - Carol Gardener, Virginia Native Plant Society
- Healthy Soils and Composting - Bill Garlette, Master Gardener, Newport News, Va.

10:00 - 10:55 am:

- Pests and Weed Control without Poisons - Bill Garlette, Master Gardener, Newport News, Va.

11:00 - 11:55 am:

- Drip Irrigation - Mike Fisher, Master Gardener, Augusta County, Va.
- Farmscaping: Mulches, Green Manure & Cover Crops for the Home Gardener - Bill Garlette, Master Gardener, Newport News, Va.

12:00 to 1:15 PM: Lunch (included in the fee)

1:25 PM: Leave for Garden Tour - Mike and Glenda Western, Mt Crawford, VA

For more information or to register call Sheila Morris at 540-298-8839

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September 2005

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August 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5 HOLIDAY Office Closed	6 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training begins. Plant A Row The Hungry, call Sheela Macumber (757) 482-5569	7	8 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Soils & Fertilizers	9 Waynesboro Plant Health Care for Urban Trees Workshop	10 A Hodge Podge of Gardening Information, HRAREC, Virginia Beach
11	12	13 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Basic Botony 9:30am, Programming meeting First Water Steward Class	14 VT Turf Field Days, VA Tech, Blacksburg	15 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Woody Plants 30 th annual Nursery, Landscape and Urban Forestry Field Day of HRAREC-8:00AM	16	17 10-3:00, 6 th Annual Community Gardening Festival, Virginia Beach
18	19	20 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Plant ID	21 12:00-1:00 WHRO-89.5 “GARDENING HEARSAY”	22 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Lawns	23	24
25	26	27 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Plant Introduction 10:15AM Hort Therapy – York Convalescent Center	28 An American Cutting Garden Lecture at Fred Heutte Ctr, 7PM, 757-441-2513 for reservations	29 9:00am, 2005 Pen. MG training, Trees	30	